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Legislatures - Regular Session

Connecticut adjourned June 9 Missouri adjourned June 8

Legislatures now in Special Session

Arizona - 2nd Special Session Minnesota Texas

Legislatures now in Regular Session

Illinois New Hampshire New Jersey Michigan Visconsin

### II. STATE LEGISLATION

(Includes only outstanding proposals likely to be of interest to Legis-latures other than the one in which the Bill is introduced.)

## DRAINAGE

Colorado. H. B. 6. Mr. Graham

To create a Water Conservation Board consisting of the Governor, Attorney General, State Engineer and Director of State Planning Commission and seven members appointed by the Governor. The Board shall have power to negotiate interstate compacts and conserve the water of the State, encourage irrigation districts, water users' associations, cooperate with Federal agencies, investigate plans and activities of other states, and formulate drafts of legislation.

Approved June 1.

#### GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts. H. B. 1902.

To establish the Development and Industrial Commission in the Department of Labor and Industries for the purpose of promoting and developing industrial, agricultural and recreational resources



of the State. The Commission shall conduct research into agricultural and industrial conditions and seek to coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized to promote such interests. It may advertise and publish information concerning recreational advantages of the New England States.

Approved May 29, Laws 1937, Chapter 427.

New York. S. B. 75. Mr. Desmond.

To provide optional forms of County Government. Four plans are provided under which counties may operate: the County Mayor form, County Manager form, County Director form, and County Board form. An election may be held to vote upon the adoption of any of the four plans provided for in the Act. County Boards of Supervisors shall be the determining body of the County and shall be vested with power to levy taxes, appropriate funds and enact local county laws relative to property and the government of the county. Approved June 2, Laws 1937, Chapter 862.

#### INTERSTATE COMPACTS

Pennsylvania. S. B. 894. Mr. Thompson.

To ratify compact with Ohio relative to the development, use, control and protection of Pymatuning Lake and the state owned lands surrounding it for fishing, hunting, recreational and park purposes.

Approved June 5, Laws 1937, Act 348.

Tennessee. H. B. 1436. Messrs. Dunbar and Spensor.

#### LAND USE

To authorize the organization of County Soil Conservation associations whose membership shall comprise land owners incorporated under the Cooperative Marketing Act (of 1923). When the Association centracts to pay its proportionate share of the cost of terracing, the County Court (Commissioners) may purchase the equipment. The Association shall request the advice and help of the Agricultural

Extension Service. All terracing work done to qualify for payment under the Federal Domestic Allotment Act shall be in accord with specifications prescribed by the Agricultural Engineer of the University.

Introduced May 11.

#### PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Arizona. H. B. 6-XX. Mr. Marks.

To appropriate \$70,000 to the State Land Board to be used for the State land classification project in cooperation with the W.P.A. Introduced June 2.

#### REAL PROPERTY

Maryland. H. B. 69. Mr. Popp.

To create housing authorities in cities and counties for constructing dwelling accommodations for persons of low income. Such housing projects to be tax exempt but political subdivisions are



authorized to contract for payments in lieu of taxes. Approved May 28, Laws 1937, Chapter 517.

Maryland, H. B. 70. Mr. Popp.

To authorize cities and counties to aid housing projects by furnishing parks, streets, improvements and facilities. The political subdivisions may contract with the authority for payment of such services and facilities.

Approved May 28, Laws 1937, Chapter 518.

Minnesota. H. B. 33X. Mr. Palarine.

To authorize cities and counties to aid housing projects by furnishing parks, streets, improvements and facilities. The political subdivisions may contract with the authority for payment of such services and facilities.

To Committee on Rules, May 27.

Minnesota. H. B. 34-X. Mr. Palarine.

To create housing authorities in cities and counties for constructing dwelling accommodations for persons of low income. Such housing projects to be tax exempt but political subdivisions are authorized to contract for payments in lieu of taxes.

To Committee on Rules, May 27.

H. A. Hockley

